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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kyung-hoon LEE et al.

Serial No. 10/647,144

Group Art Unit: 1714

Confirmation No. 1043

Filed: August 25, 2003

Examiner: Callie E. Shosho

For: WATER SOLUBLE ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVE POLYMER AND INK COMPOSITION
COMPRISING THE SAME

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability, mailed May 19, 2006. Applicant provides the following Comments thereon, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104(e) and MPEP 1302.14.

It is respectfully submitted that care must be taken to ensure that the reasons for allowance are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims. It is submitted that the Examiner's Statements do not meet these standards and, instead, raise possible misinterpretations and possible estoppel effects and, accordingly, should be disregarded. The reasons for allowance include descriptions and characteristics of a plurality of prior art references, which are submitted to be improper content of the reasons for allowance in that the record of the prosecution as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowing the allowed claims.

It is submitted that the claims are not constrained by such limitations as may be implied from the Examiner's Statement, as are noted above, and, instead, that the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and thus are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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